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Koethen Airfield

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REMARKS

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Between 7 and 10 p.m. on 23 and 24 January 1952, there was flying by biplanes at Koethen airfield. Aircraft observed at the field at 3:20 p.m. on 24 January included 1 swept-back jet fighter [redacted] in front of Hangar 1, 25X1 about 3 fighters apparently the conventional type in Hangar 1, 2 swept-back jet fighter and 1 conventional type fighter in Hangar 2. There was an overcast. Snow 10 cm deep covered the field. The hangars were only partially open. [redacted] 25X1 the swept-back jet fighters in front of Hangar 1. Soviet soldiers were digging trenches for underground cables from the 25X1 center of the field toward the Koethen-Halle railroad line. *

* Comment. [redacted]

unidentified unit in Koethen. There are indications that the unit concerned is the first experimental ground attack unit which is equipped with jet planes.

[redacted] the number of MiG-15s was increased to 24 or 27 by 2 February 1952. [redacted] In addition 25X1 to the above mentioned unit, Koethen airfield is also occupied by a recently activated fighter regiment which, according to other observations, is equipped with a few aircraft. [redacted] 25X1

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